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### **Congressman Miller Announces Mobile District Office Program**

In a continuing effort to make government more accessible for constituents of the 31st District, I am proud to introduce the Mobile District Office program. To supplement the services my permanent district office in Rancho Cucamonga provides, every month casework specialists will travel to cities across the district to provide information and assistance to citizens experiencing difficulties with federal agencies including the Social Security Administration, the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Department of State.

Specific information on the time, date and location of upcoming Mobile District Offices can be found [here](#). For additional information or to make an appointment, please call the Rancho Cucamonga District Office at (909) 980-1492.

### **Sequestration Goes into Effect**

Today, the \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board spending cuts proposed by the Obama Administration goes into effect. I voted twice to pass measures that would have made equivalent and sensible spending reductions to our crippling deficit without negatively impacting our military readiness or our weak economic recovery. It is essential to get our nation's debt under control, but these arbitrary cuts, which will hinder economic growth and job creation in the Inland Empire, are not the solution to our nation's long-term fiscal challenges.

The two alternatives we passed in the House would cut waste and save taxpayers billions of dollars without harming our military or raising taxes on middle and low income families. Unfortunately, the President and Senate leaders failed to neither consider our legislation nor offer alternative plans to avoid today's sequestration.

As the Vice Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, I had the opportunity to question Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke at a committee hearing this week. He said that this sequestration could cost the United States 750,000 jobs and an alternative must be found. To avert the negative economic impact the sequester will have on our economy, I will work with all sides to replace the sequester's irresponsible, arbitrary cuts with targeted spending reductions and reforms. I am committed to finding long-term solutions to our nation's excessive debt that threatens the future prosperity of San Bernardino County and the nation, while preserving vital programs and services.

### **Reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act Passes House**

I am pleased to announce that the House voted this week to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, which strengthens the tools available to aid law enforcement in combating human trafficking, domestic abuse and sexual violence. This legislative victory sends a strong message from Washington that enough is enough when considering the horrific and devastating effects of domestic violence and human trafficking inflicted on some of our nation's most vulnerable citizens.

While I regret that I was unable to be there in person due to a family matter here at home, I am very glad that this bill is now on its way to the President's desk where I hope he signs it into law without delay.

I want my friends and neighbors of the 31st Congressional District that public safety – including the elimination of the scourge of human trafficking, sexual violence and domestic abuse in our community - is a top priority of mine in Congress. I am currently meeting with local officials and residents to get their input on how we can make our neighborhoods safer, but in the meantime, this landmark legislation will ensure that the survivors of these terrible crimes have access to treatment, counseling, legal assistance and other vital support services.

### **Rep. Miller Questions Fed Chair Bernanke on the Economic Impact of New Housing Rules**

On Wednesday, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testified before the House Financial Services Committee on the state of the economy. As the Vice Chairman of the Committee, I expressed my concerns about the impact new housing regulations mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act will have on our local economy, job creation and the value of our homes in the 31st Congressional District.

The recent turnaround in the housing market has been good news for our economy. However, that recovery remains extremely fragile as many of our neighbors here in the 31st Congressional District are still struggling to keep their homes, find good paying jobs and make sure our children have access to food and quality education.

Depending on how the rules are implemented, credit-worthy borrowers could have difficulty obtaining a mortgage, which would hinder our local housing values and economic recovery. San Bernardino County was one of the hardest-hit areas of the country by the housing market crash and is in many ways still struggling to recover. I believe that Federal Reserve policies must be carefully crafted to avoid disrupting the weak economic recovery that is underway.

In Washington and here at home, I will continue to work to protect consumers and strengthen the economic and housing recovery already underway in our region. Bottom line is we must get Americans back to work and I hope Chairman Bernanke and all of our leaders in Washington keep this in mind when considering new policies and regulations that will impact our economy.

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